

412 East 47th Street
Chicago 15, Illinois
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Mrs. Effa Manley
71 Crawford Street
Newark 2, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Manley:

I received your letter and also the clipping you were kind enough to send me. It was in all the papers throughout the United States. I think your league was very wise in selecting the statistician they selected.

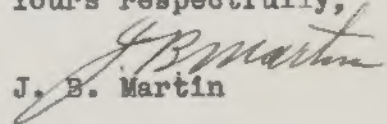
We selected the Howe firm here in Chicago which is practically the same as the Al Monroe System. The colored press had nothing to offer so we had to take a white firm. They charged us only \$50.00 a club for the entire year making a total of \$300.00 for the league.

I have an invitation to the big banquet for the 30th, but impossible to make the trip as I am now in a political fight and our primary is April 11th. I hope you will have a successful meeting. If Mr. Saperstein is booking you from June 5th through the 16th I am quite sure he will have you some good dates and perhaps we will play your team.

I am quite sure you are correct when you say the ball players are holding you up; everybody is trying to get all they can while man power is short and you cannot help yourself. If we were in their position chances are we would do the same thing, so you will have to take it on the chin and try to build your attraction big enough, and if we don't make any money we will have to keep things going until we are normal again.

I am always happy to have a letter from you. Let me hear from you more often. Anything you want me to do in this section just name it. Regards to Abe.

Yours respectfully,


J. B. Martin